

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

With reference to the location of the CIA at Langley, Virginia --

- 1 -- The overwhelming majority of the people of Fairfax County, in which Langley is located, eagerly welcome this fine agency here in our county. We believe th a vote for it would be 98 or 99 per cent.
- 2 -- The Fairfax County Government, in a 6 to 1 vote of the Board of Supervisors, has gone on record heartily welcoming the CIA. The one vote cast in dissent was not in objection to the agency, but on a disagreement as to procedures.
- 3 -- The Fairfax County Planning Commission has likewise gone on record for the CIA at the Langley site.
- 4 -- The McLean Business Association, composed of twenty-three business leaders in the community adjacent to the CIA site, has formally gone on record inviting it there.
- 5 -- The Great Falls Grange, with 242 members in the area concerned, went on record March 16, 1955, welcoming the CIA to Langley. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Subcommittee today.
- 6 -- The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, with a county-wide membership of 500 of the foremost business and civic leaders of the county, has likewise formally gone on record for the CIA at Langley, doing so, to the best of my knowledge, without a single dissenting voice.
- 7 -- Expressions eagerly in favor of this splendid agency's location at Langley have been voiced to us by countless leading residents of the Langley-McLean area, and inquiries among these convince us that in that area sentiment is overwhelmingly for location of the CIA there.
- 8 -- A very few of the residents of the area concerned voice anxiety that the CIA there would as they say "Injure the community". So far as we can determine, this opinion comes from only an extremely small minority, and the appended letters support this view.
- 9 -- The spaciousness of the land available, its parklike character, the high standards of the CIA, convince us that the CIA there will best aid us in preserving the attractions of the locality. We can not believe that the site will go long unused, and the CIA is by far the best agency to be put upon it.
- 10 - The parkway road extension has long been overdue as a transportation need. Recent Civil Defense practice tests show the grave urgency of completing it as a requirement for speedy evacuation from Washington and Arlington.
- 11 - Fairfax County's pledge to have sewer connections ready in time to service the added population at the site represents the expediting of a facility already overdue. Accelerations or road improvements and water service by location of the CIA at Langley will greatly benefit the area.
- 12 - These considerations and the known high standards of the CIA in personnel, assuring us of fine new neighbors, prompt the dispatch of this information to you by the instruction of our County Chamber President, Mr W C Wills, on behalf of our Directors and 500 Members.

Our photographs and photostats of pertinent letters being limited, we have sent copies of these to the Subcommittee Chairman and a few Subcommittee Members with the request that they be embodied in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

Fairfax, Virginia
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